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## **Tennessee's Early Intervention System Announces Regional Public Awareness Forums & Public Hearings**

Tennessee's Early Intervention System (TEIS), a program within the Division of Special Education in the Department of Education, will hold Public Awareness Forums and Public Hearings on the following dates. The Public Awareness Forums will present information and report progress to the early intervention community and the public at large regarding activities and initiatives since the Reform of TEIS on October 1, 2007.

The Public Hearings will be held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons regarding the Department's proposed policies for systems of payment requirements in the administration of early intervention programs pursuant to Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The IDEA Part C Proposed Policies are available from the Division of Special Education, Tennessee Department of Education, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower, 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, or on the internet by accessing the state department of education's website at <http://www.state.tn.us/education/speced/TEIS>.

The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities and sign language interpreters will be available. If you need an auxiliary aid or service other than a sign language interpreter you must contact Ruth Wiseman at the Department at 615-532-2809 at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request we receive after this date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

### **January 16, 2008**

United Way of Greater Knoxville  
Conference Room  
1301 Hannah Avenue  
Knoxville, TN 37921  
865-523-9131  
12-2 pm EST **Forum**  
2-3 pm EST **Hearing**

### **January 17, 2008**

Jackson Madison City Library  
Program Center  
433 East Lafayette Street  
Jackson, TN 38301  
731-425-8600  
11-1 pm CST **Forum**  
1-2 pm CST **Hearing**

### **January 18, 2008**

Middle TN Resource Center  
Conference Room  
1252 Foster Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-532-3258  
1-3 pm CST **Forum**  
3-4 pm CST **Hearing**

Address all comments about these proposed regulations and policies to Ruth Wiseman, Public Awareness Coordinator, Division of Special Education, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower, 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243. If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, you may address them to us at the following address: [Ruth.Wiseman@state.tn.us](mailto:Ruth.Wiseman@state.tn.us). You must include the term IDEA Part C in the subject line of your electronic message. Please submit your comments only one time, in order to ensure that we do not receive duplicate copies. The deadline for submission of comments is January 31, 2008.